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TITLE OF INVENTION: SOLID STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE HAVING AN A ACCUMULATION GATE FOR READING OUT

ACCUMULATING AND ALLOCATING SIGNAL CHARGES

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